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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please make the following amendments to the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the first paragraph on page 1, and insert the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional application claiming priority from U.S. patent application number 09/635,150, filed on August 8, 2000, which is a continuation in part application claiming priority from U.S. patent application number 09/161,051, filed on September 25, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean version of amended claims 7 and 8, appears below. A marked up version appears in the attached Appendix.

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~~7. (amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said mud saver valve further comprises:~~

~~a biased shifting sleeve; said flapper engaging said shifting sleeve when flow is from said upper to said lower end through said port to overcome said bias on said sleeve.~~

8. (amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said mud saver valve further comprises:

a seat in said shifting sleeve;

a ball retained movably in said shifting sleeve;